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AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

From the Rural New Yorker.
LAND POOR.

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I've had another offer, wife—a twenty-acre more of high and dry prairie land, as level as a floor. I thought I'd wait and see you first, as lawyer said. To tell how things will turn out best a woman is ahead. And when this lot is paid for, and we have got the deed, I'll say that I am satisfied—it's all the land we need. And next we'll see about the yard, and fix the house up some. And manage in the course of time to have a better home.

WIFE.
There is no use of talking, Charles—you buy that twenty-acre more. And we'll go scurrying all our lives, and all ways be land poor. For thirty years we've tugged and saved, despoiling half our needs. While all we have to show for it is a few receipts and deeds. I'd sell the land if it were mine, and have a better home. With broad, light rooms to front the street, and take life as it comes. If we could live as others live, and have what others do. We'd live enough sight pleasant, and have plenty too.

While others have amusements, and luxury, and books. Just think how stingy we have lived, and how this old place looks. That other farm you bought of Wells, that took so many years of clearing up and fencing in, has cost me many tears. Yes, Charles, I've thought of it a hundred times or more. And wondered if it really paid to always be land poor. That had we built a cozy house, took pleasure as it came. Our children, once so dear to us, had never left our home.

I grieve to think of wasted weeks and years, and months and days. While for it all we never yet have had one word of praise. Men call us rich, but we are poor—would we not freely give the land, with all its fixtures, for a better way to live?

Don't think I'm blaming you, Charles—you're not a whit to blame. I've pitied you these many years, to see you tired and lame. It's just the way we started out, our plans too far ahead. We've worn the cream of life away, to leave too much when dead.

'Tis putting off enjoyment long after we enjoy. And after all too much of wealth seems useless as a toy. Although we've learned, alas, too late! what all must learn at last. Our brightest earthly happiness is buried in the past. That life is short and full of care, the end is always night. We seldom half begin to live before we're doomed to die. Were I to start my life again, I'd mark each separate day. And never let a single one pass unenjoyed away.

If there were things to envy, I'd have them now and then. And have a home that was a home, and not a cage or pen. I'd sell some land if it were mine, and fit up well the rest. I've always thought, and think so yet—small farms well worked are best.

The Future of Cotton.

The U. S. Economist of the 22d June says the growing crops in the southern states is watched in both Europe and America with an intensity of interest unparalleled since the crisis induced by the war. The deficiency in American cotton has not been followed by any reduction in consumption, and its high price has had no effect stimulate any substitution of supplies from other sources; and that the entire supply of American cotton will be exhausted by the time the new crop becomes available. Cotton spinners do not like the India cotton, and will not use it even at only one half the price paid for American, and nearly 400,000 bales are lying unsalable in Europe. It is in every way inferior in quality of fibre, requires alterations of machinery to work it, and the goods are so coarse and inferior as to find a market with much difficulty. We need not give the figures as to supply and consumption, as they would be less interesting to the planter than the general deductions made from them. It is estimated that a crop of 1,000,000 bales would permit the same rate of consumption as for the past eighteen months.

The indications are now that the crop will exceed this number by a half million bales. At least 10 per cent. greater acreage has been planted, and the critical period of May and June have been all that could be desired, and so far, at least, the prospect for a 4,000,000 bale crop is promising.

Any less amount "will entail a pressure, if not a crisis, in the trade, both in England and America, that would be most injurious even to planters, for the latter are necessarily interested in the prosperity of their customers."

Science in Farming.
In every field may be found a stalk of corn or potatoes exceeding by far in yield and quality the average of the field. That some specific cause has produced this, there can be no question. What is it? Has it received the benefit of some fertilizer? If so, what, and in what quantity?

Is it from superior drainage? Was the seed from which it sprang superior? Has its cultivation been in any manner different? Will the product of this stalk reproduce its fruitfulness? Can the balance of the field be brought up to the same producing capacity? These and others are questions which present themselves to the watchful observer. It is the province of science to ascertain the cause, and from them, to deduce specific laws which shall govern under similar circumstances. If this can be done and the principles be applied to improve the whole field to the same or greater extent, science in farming is accomplishing its appropriate service.

He who can deduce these laws and apply them, he will read in the books, or only an observer of nature's teachings, is a scientific farmer.—Am. Farmer's Advocate.

Horace Greeley's life is said to be insured for \$150,000. If this be the case the insuring companies will consult their own interest by voting and working against Horace. The white house is a dreadfully unhealthy place, and then the hand-shaking, the eternal boring by office-seekers, the necessity of wearing a swallow-tailed coat and putting his trousers over his boots, together with the thousand and one other annoyances to which President Greeley will have to submit, will shorten his life at least ten years.

It is said that the following words actually formed the peroration of the counsel's plea for his client in an assault and battery case in Athens, Ala.—"Let the humble ass crop the thistle of the valley! Let the sagacious goat browse upon the mountain's brow; but men of the jury, I say that John Canale is not guilty."

The only thing that Greeley's "keepers" have yet allowed him to write about the Cincinnati nomination is the following little treatise of horticultural poetry:

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